THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government has received information that T. N. V. extremists have training facilities in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh.

(b) and (c) Government has brought to the notice of the Government of Bangladesh that these insurgents are operating from their territory and have requested the Government of Bangladesh to prevent such operations. That Government has, howeve^ consistently denied that training camps or any other facilities for the T. N. V. exist on their territory.

Prisoners of Operation Bine Star

2205. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons were taken on prisoners from the Golden Temple Complex in Amritsar during Operation Blue Star in June, 1984;

(b) how many out of them have since been released;

(c) how many are still in the custody and where they are lodged; and

(d) what action is proposed to be taken against those still in custody and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Out of 1592 persons apprehended in Golden. Temple area during Operation Blue Star, 365 are in custody and are lodged in Jodhpur jail. The case registered against them is under trial in the Additional Special Court at Jodhpur.

Target of tree planting

2206. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target of tree planting for the year 1986-87 and what is the~ target for the year 1987-88;

(b) whether the target fixed for 1986-87 is likely to be achieved; and

(c) what is the rate of survival of trees in different parte of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT 'VND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI):

(a) The target of tree planting in the country for the year 1986-87 is 342. 84 crore seedlings- The target for 1987-88 is tentatively fixed at 460 crore seedlings.

(b) Yes. Sir. The target has al-reay been exceeded. The achievement to end of January, 1987 is 344. 40 crores seedlings.

(c) A statement indicating survival percentages based on available information is annexed. [See Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 104]. It may be added that the monitoring has not been systematic or adequately programmed. Efforts to streamline arrangements in this behalf are on hand.

Swiss citizenship for Indian Nationals

2207. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen a news report about an Indian national who has obtained the rare feat of Swiss Citizenship in record time as reported in the 'Sunday Mail' of 1—7 February, 1987;

(b) whether Government have entered into a new protocol or agreement with the Government of Switzer-. land for grant of citizenship to Indians; and